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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Masaru IDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 10/505,439

Examiner: George R. Koch

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**RESPONSE TO MISCELLANEOUS PAPER REGARDING REQUIREMENT FOR  
ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Miscellaneous Paper dated October 20, 2006, Applicants traverse and respectfully submit Group I and II should be combined (re-joined). Subject to the foregoing traverse, Applicants respectfully elect claims 20-27 and 39, i.e., species (1) of Group (I). It is understood that election is for at least claims 20-27, although it would be appreciated if at least claim 39 were included. It appears that there may be some uncertainty overseas about whether or not claims 28-28, and perhaps claim 39 are non-elected. This matter is under renewed advisement. Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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